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PHASES OF HENDERSONVILLE.

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To me, Hendersonville is, at all seasons of the year, "The fairest of ten thousand, Rose of Sharon, rare." With her 3,000 permanent residents whose hospitable portals are ever thrown wide to the stranger who comes within her gates; with her broad, cleanly streets, looked down upon with a favored blink of the sun, fanned by the gentle breezes which the zephyrs bring over the mountain tops that surround her—thither petted daughter—Hendersonville is a charm with many pendants.

Following one of these pendants we find, at the end, reached by a few minutes car ride, beautiful Laurel park, whose picturesqueness surpasses anything in the pretentious parks of the cities. At the entrance is the lake, with its shimmering waters, upon which are painted, in reflected colors, God's own clouds, God's own blue, and God's own green, lent by the treetops that frame the picture. Wandering thro' "Lover's Lane" and the many ideal drives and walks, one can hear the whisper of an unmistakable voice, "Man made the city parks but God made this." Nestled among this rustic grandeur are Basin and Crystal springs, whose cool and diamond sparkling waters have refreshed the lips of many a delighted southern, northern and western tourist as he rested and gazed upon the cascades rippling their limpid liquid down from the mountain above upon whose summit a tower stands sentinel, to tell the traveler of the beauties in the distance. This is Laurel park clothed in nature's garments.

On an adjoining pendant, in a southerly direction, lies Osceola Lake. This magnificent body of heavenly blue rests deep down in nature's bosom and is surrounded by towering mountains, which, as if proud of the landscape, lift their exalted heads high up toward their Creator. To the lover of such beauty, a drive around the lake at sunset, the panorama presenting nature's gorgeous

kaleidoscope and mirroring its glories in the placid waters, inspires divine thoughts and reveries of what the Book says "the place prepared for us" must be. It makes such an one more worshipful to Him who has given us such a beautiful world to abide in our few days below.

On any, or each, road leading out from Hendersonville, one can drive over the most pleasing stretches of country and find, here and there, handsome homes and estates of wealthy and prominent people, who, tired of the winter's toil and grime in the cities turn their faces towards these mountains for a restful, peaceful summer in sweet communion with higher and loftier things of life.

In the spring time all nature, dons her fresh robes and sends out her bounties of flowers in wildest profusion. Nothing is so enchanting as a ramble around Hendersonville, in May, among the arbutus, azalea, rhododendron and luxuriance of other flowers and shrubs. Hendersonville is a gem fascinatingly mounted in spring.

June, July and August serve to polish the stone and cause it to shine out and attract the throngs of people who swarm here during these hot months down south. It is not hot here; and these southern neighbors are more and more coming into the knowledge that there is a mecca whither they can lift up their heads, keep cool, rest their weary limbs and often heal their ailments. Every southern State and many, many others are represented here. They come—all classes and conditions and creeds of men—some to spend a summer of merriment, some to rest from strenuous days in school-room, office or shop, others to seek restoration to health; and again the loving mother with her little ones comes to give them a renewed hold upon life. And none goes away disappointed, for there is

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CHIEF JUSTICE CLARK OUT.

Raleigh, N. C., May 17.—Chief Justice Walter Clark, of the North Carolina Supreme Court, announced tonight his candidacy for the United States Senate against Senator Simmons and Governor Kitchin.

He outlines a platform that declares the ruling of the United States Supreme Court in the Standard Oil case shifts the arena for control of trusts from the courts to the United States Senate where "anti-trust laws must be amended. The people, he says, now control the House of Representatives. He declares himself a progressive Democrat, which he insists is simply Jeffersonian Democracy. He advocates a tariff for revenue only; constitutional amendments that will elect United States Senators by the people, Federal judges by the people of the districts they serve; election of postmasters by the people of the territory served; declares for the "initiative and referendum" and recall for such officers as the law may be provided; advocates a Democratic primary the same day all over the State to nominate State officers and United States Senators, under restrictions that will assure publicity as to money expended, a second primary to be held for Senator in the event there is no nomination in the first, the two highest to stand in the second contest.

The letter announcing his candidacy is addressed to Solicitor Johnson in reply to a lengthy letter from Mr. Johnson, insisting that if he intends to be a candidate his "friends are entitled to know it with least possible delay and resisting many things that constrains the writer to urge that the chief justice declare himself for the Senate. Judge Clark says he has been receiving letters from people from all parts of the State some of whom, and he felt that the trust that has been given efforts for the relief of the trusts by the Standard Oil decision affords him an opportunity to declare his candidacy.

HOTELS NEEDED IN W. N. C.

"There is great need in Western Carolina for more hotels," says the Manufacturers Record. Last summer that section was overrun with people from the South and elsewhere seeking its unequalled summer climate, but the hotel facilities were wholly inadequate. Every year sees an increasing number of people seeking the higher altitudes of Western Carolina, where climatic advantages are superior to the Catskills or Adirondacks, and where, unlike the latter regions, there is freedom from the flies and mosquitoes which at times make life almost unendurable in the woods of the North. Western Carolina has been fitted by nature with every advantage to make it the health and pleasure ground of the entire country east of the Rocky Mountains. The wonderful beauty and grandeur of its scenery, the variety of the foliage of its trees and the wild flowers which blossom everywhere during the spring and summer, the invigorating climate, all combine to make that section a heaven of rest and recreation. Many new hotels are needed to accommodate the increasing throngs who seek that region during the summer season, and if a few really modern hotels were built at well-selected points they could be made as popular for Northern and Western people in the winter as they would be certain to be for Southern people in the summer. While the railroads penetrating Western Carolina may not be able to take part in the building of great hotels suitable to the needs of the times, they would necessarily give all possible cooperation in attracting visitors to such hotels."

Mrs. D. W. Brown, of Spartanburg, S. C., visited relatives at the Summer Home, a couple of days this week, on her way to visit her father, Mr. A. L. Maxwell of Horse Shoe.

Dr. A. H. Morey and family returned from a week's vacation at Lake Toxaway.

EX-GOVERNOR AYCOCK ENTERS.

Raleigh, N. C., May 20.—Making the fourth entry in the race for the senior Senatorship for North Carolina, ex-Governor Charles B. Aycock today announced his candidacy to succeed Senator Simmons. The ex-Governor's announcement is made in a letter to Col. Nathan Whitfield, of Winston, this State. The other avowed candidates for the Senatorial nomination which will probably be made in State-wide primaries, are Senator Simmons, Governor Kitchin and Chief Justice Clark.

The Aycock Letter. In entering the Senatorial race ex-Governor Aycock stipulates that he will not get into anything like a campaign for the primary nomination. He says his finances will not admit of it, and that there is imperative necessity for him to pursue his profession as a lawyer with unabating energy. He merely expects next year to get into the campaign for the whole Democratic ticket and then at the polls if the people will do so they can give him their nomination vote for the senatorship and with the election by the Legislature, he will give his very best efforts for the whole people in the Senate. A lengthy letter setting out his views and attitude in this matter is given to the press. It is addressed to Col. Whitfield, of Winston, who had written him urging especially that he declare his candidacy. Col. Whitfield is 80 years old and has been a close personal friend of Gov. Aycock for many years.

Gov. Aycock's letter, which outlines his position as a candidate, follows: "Dear Sir:—I have given much consideration not only to your letter, but to the numerous letters which I have received along the same line. I have been greatly gratified to find that without solicitation of expectation on my part, and in spite of my previous statement that I would not be a candidate for the Senate, great numbers of people from all callings in the State, have urged me by letter, by message and in person to reconsider the ques-

tion and become a candidate. One who has been in public life, and who has enjoyed the support of the confidence of the people, can never free himself from the obligation of giving due consideration to any call which the people make upon him. The requests from all parts of the State, and from people in all stations of life, have been so numerous and impressive as to lead me to the conclusion that it is my duty to say to the people, that if chosen by the Democratic party and elected by the Legislature, I shall be glad to serve North Carolina in the United States Senate.

"It is unnecessary for me to enunciate any personal platform, it being well known throughout the State that I have always stood on the National and the State Democratic platform without question, believing as I do that the assembled wisdom of the Democracy of the Nation and State is far greater than my own. I shall make no campaign looking to my selection for the Senatorship. My financial condition is such that it is absolutely essential that I pursue my profession as a lawyer with unabated energy until such time as the people shall lay other duties upon me. I have no money to spend perfecting an organization and if I had it I am convinced that the greatest evil of this day politically is the use of money in securing nominations and elections and I, therefore, would not use it if I were able to command a fund requisite for such purposes. In addition to this reason for refusing to attempt an organization in behalf of my candidacy I have a feeling that the Senatorship would be worthless to me if secured by any such methods. If I shall go to the senate I must go free from special obligation to any set of men, and therefore, under equal obligation to every man. Going to the Senate in this way would put me in a position to give the people the highest service of which I am capable, I shall, therefore,

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DEATH COMES SUDDENLY

Col. R. M. Staley of Wilkesboro Drops On The Square—Officer of State Senate.

Stricken with apoplexy in front of Jordan's drug store on Independence square last night at 9:45 o'clock, Col. R. M. Staley of Wilkesboro, traveling salesman and a well known citizen, died a few minutes later, after having been removed to police headquarters where he was given medical attention. When the station was reached he had only a slight pulse, and the efforts to revive him proved without avail.—Charlotte Observer

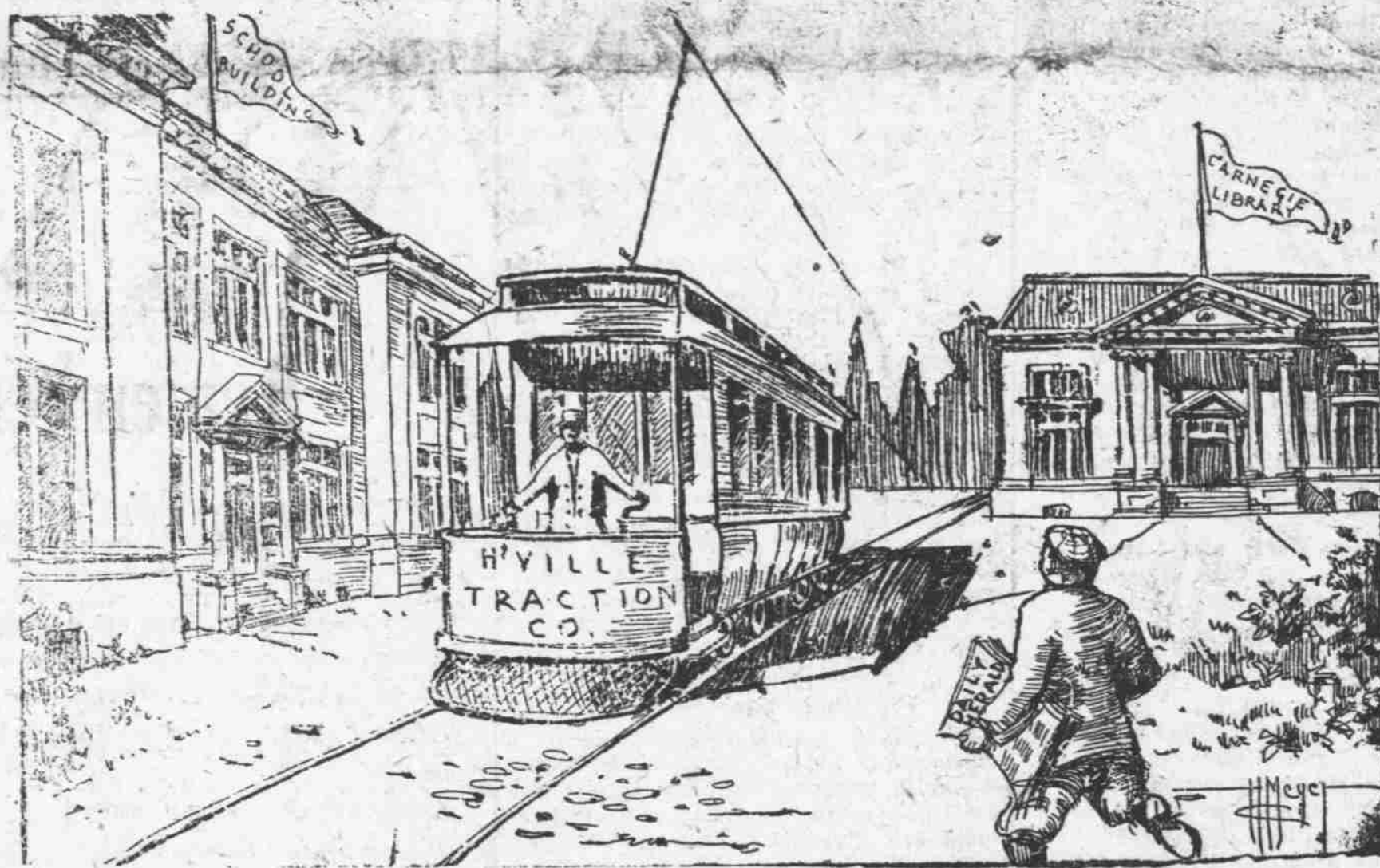
Wilkesboro, May 20.—Capt R. M. Staley, who died suddenly in Charlotte tonight, was one of the most prominent citizens of Wilkesboro and a well-known Confederate veteran. He was traveling for the Oak Furniture Company of North Wilkesboro, having left home about a week ago.

Captain Staley was in his 65th year. He is survived by a wife and three children, Misses Frankie and Mabel Staley of Richmond, Va., and Mr. Charles Staley of Wilkesboro.

When the call came for volunteers in that memorable struggle of the sixties, R. M. Staley was among the very first to offer his services for the Southland. He made a valiant soldier and was rewarded with a captaincy on the battlefield.

During the recent session of the General Assembly Captain Staley was sergeant-at-arms of the Senate, and had served that body for twelve years in several important positions.

NOT A DREAM---REALITIES



The above shows Four Important Things that will be realized in the next 12 months—to make a Greater Hendersonville. \$75,000 Federal Building two years hence

Closing Exercises Hendersonville's High School

One of the most interesting events of Commencement week was the meeting of the High School faculty and graduating class, held Friday morning in the college, at the invitation of Prof. and Mrs. Ivins. It is said that a finer class feeling has never existed than in this of 1911, and that no previous class has on the whole excelled it in scholarship. The appreciation of the teachers for the consideration they had received of the superintendent, Prof. Ivins, was expressed in a letter accompanying an engraved gold fountain pen.

Mr. Ivins in acknowledging this present spoke feelingly of the cordial co-operation of both teachers and pupils during the years of their work together. The

walls of the hall were attractively decorated with roses and potted plants. After the meeting refreshments were served, and later the class proceeded to the Auditorium to have souvenir photographs taken.

At The Auditorium.

The school entertainment was held at the Auditorium on Thursday night, and was very interesting, the numbers given by the orchestra being specially enjoyed. The dramatic scene, from Mary, Queen of Scots, portrayed by Miss Elsie Anderson, as Queen Elizabeth, and Miss Cora Scott as Mary, was very well rendered. The attendants by their able support added much to the charm of the scene. The two childish impersonations, "Goblins" by Miss

Lily Allen and "Seing Things" by Morse Shrieve, were very pleasingly presented. The "Chariot Race" from Ben Hur rendered by Roy Bennett, and "Singarello" by Miss Rosa Lewis were selections that required dramatic ability, and were very well done and greatly enjoyed. Perhaps of most general interest was the Doll Drill by thirty small girls, as many families in the audience were charmingly represented by the little maids in uniforms, carrying their dolls and forming many attractive figures on the stage, and it was evident that the little girls had been carefully trained. The "Call of Macedonia" by Mr. Cecil Rymer was delivered with an earnestness and sincerity of purpose that was very much appreciated by the audience.

Five Act Comedy.

On Friday night the graduating class presented the five act comedy, written by Prof. Ivins, illustrating school life, and showing the educational development of a young man who is practically in-

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A Worthy Negro. Chas Brooks a worthy old negro who lives peacefully on his own farm near Horse Shoe was in the city last Monday on business. Brooks is a fine specimen of a negro who has lived before the war and gained considerable worldly possession after the war. He owns about 85 acres of very fine land in this county.

Rev. Mr. Staton Passes Away. Rev. J. R. Staton, of Zirconia, passed away last Tuesday morning and was buried Thursday at Green River. Mr. Staton had been sick for two years, or more, but was ever faithful to his trust as a preacher of the gospel, and continued at work in the vineyard where he gathered many souls for his master. He was an ideal Christian character. Mr. Staton was 46 years old. He leaves a wife and four children, and was a brother of Mr. U. G. Staton.

WANTED—A stenographer, one who has her own machine to take any work for the hotel priere. A. A. GATES, Prop Hotel Gates.

HENDERSONVILLE MAN HONORED

M. L. Shipman In Line for Grand Master Two Years Hence.

At the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows held in Winston-Salem last week, Hon. M. L. Shipman, Commissioner of Labor and Printing, was chosen as Grand Warden. This puts him in line for grand master at no very distant date. Mr. Shipman, who returned to the city a few days ago, received many congratulations from his friends. The choice of Mr. Shipman is attributed to the fact that the Western delegates worked unanimously for him, the section west of the Blue Ridge feeling that it should be entitled to another Grand Master. The Grand Lodge chose Raleigh as the meeting place for next year.—News and Observer.

At The First Baptist Church. "Heaven" will be the subject of three special Sunday night sermons at the First Baptist Church, beginning next Sunday night. The length of these sermons will not exceed 20 minutes each. There will be special and appropriate music at these services, led by our chorus choir and orchestra. Next Sunday morning will be a continuation of the series of sermons on "Getting into Sympathy with God's Purposes." Length of morning sermon 30 minutes. Home people and visitors cordially welcomed.

L. S. Pender of Flat Rock has returned from Lockhart, Fla., where he has been the past winter.

Narrow Escape.

Miss Majorie Scott, daughter of W. A. Scott, proprietor of the Blue Ridge Inn met with a rather serious accident last Monday while out horse back riding. The saddle slipped from the horse and Miss Scott was thrown to the ground. Her foot caught in the stirrup and a severe bruise was received from having been dragged along the ground several feet. Miss Scott received immediate medical attention and is now out of danger.

Attended Reunion.

Quite a number of Confederate veterans and sons of Veterans of Western North Carolina attended the reunion held last week in Little Rock, Ark. Among those who left from Henderson county were, J. M. Shepherd, V. C. V. Shepherd, Dr. Pink Johnson, Black Rue and Tom Osborne. All these gentlemen report having a great time and enjoyed every moment of their stay in the western city.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Nichols, bride and groom, of Spartanburg, S. C., are stopping with Mrs. N. B. Featherstone's, at the Rocky Mountain Inn.

DEATH OF MR. JONATHAN WILLIAMS

Mr. Jonathan Williams, well-beloved and most highly esteemed citizen of Hendersonville and Western North Carolina, died at his home here on Tuesday, after a long illness borne with a Christian fortitude.

The funeral services, on Thursday morning at eleven o'clock, were conducted by Rev. K. W. Cawthon and Kedron Lodge No. 87, Free and Accepted Masons, of which Mr. Williams was an honored member. As a mark of respect to the memory of this honored man, the stores were closed from eleven to twelve o'clock, and the Superior Court, now in session, adjourned until two o'clock. The interment was in Oakdale Cemetery, and the long procession of sorrowing friends who attended the services at the Baptist church and who followed the remains to God's Acre, testified silently to the esteem and love borne Jonathan Williams by those who knew him best.

The active pall bearers were,

Messrs. K. G. Morris, C. S. Fall, bright, J. O. Williams, Charles French Toms, J. S. Rhodes and C. R. Whitaker. The honorary pall bearers were Messrs. N. Buckner, J. P. Patton, C. M. Pace, J. C. Morrow, S. V. Pickett, W. P. Bowen, W. A. Smith and M. C. Toms.

The floral tributes heaped on the casket were many and beautiful. The First Baptist church was crowded to the doors with a congregation that listened and stood respectfully to the tribute paid by Rev. K. W. Cawthon to the worth of the man before him. The Masonic ceremonies were most impressive and the music affecting. The numbers rendered included "Asleep in Jesus," "Is it well with you, my son," and "I want to go home, don't you?"

Mr. Williams was 65 years old when the summons came. He had been in failing health for about a

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